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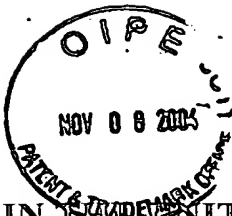
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2004 in which all elected claims (31, 33-38 and 42-44) stand rejected under one or more of Section 112 (first and second paragraphs) and/or under Sections 102(a) and 102(b) and 103(a). This Response is timely filed as it is accompanied by a Request for a two-month Extension of Time to November 4, 2004 and also accompanies a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Reconsideration and allowance of those claims is solicited in light of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin at Page 2.

Remarks begin at Page 6.